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# Trowel & Typewriter



Gift Ideas: Holly,  
Christmas Greens  
and Christmas  
delicacies . . .  
Gleanings from  
the Garden of

Drew Sherrard

at

Rock Spur

Oswego, Oregon

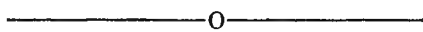
## PROLOGUE:—

Of course it is not Christmas nor even winter, but a pleasant October day with lily-of-the-field and autumn crocus making bright yellow and mauve patches under the oaks, and the vine maple painting Oregon hillsides. But Christmas and winter have a way of sneaking up on one, so I make no apology for reminding you that holly is the most beautiful of Christmas greens, nor for telling you to order early if you want those delightfully Christmassy Frosted Braunschweiger of Eleanor's, or the best fruit cake your money can buy.



## ABOUT HOLLY

Our native American holly does not grow wild in the Pacific Northwest. The holly I send you at Christmas was introduced many years ago from Europe, and includes several varieties of the European species *Ilex aquifolium*. It is grown as a garden ornamental and also in commercial orchards. Using this English type, more beautiful than the American in foliage and berry, in your Christmas decorations, will help conserve the vanishing American Holly of the east and south. This is why the Garden Club of America gives its approval to the sale of Oregon Holly.



Some seasons I have found *Phlox diffusa* seeds at timber line in mid-October, but this year I went just after the distinguished visitors had gone, and there were no seed left. *Phlox* has explosive seed capsules, and my theory is that every one on Mt. Hood exploded with excitement the day that President Roosevelt and the First Lady visited Mt. Hood Timberline Lodge. Anyway, I can't fill any orders this year. Excuse it, please.

If you have a friend who is interested in herbs, the gift to send is "Magic Fragrance", by Rosetta E. Clarkson, \$2.00. Address the author at 60 Old Orchard Road, New Rochelle, New York.

Referring to the "Latin masks for Little Daffodils" in the autumn T. & T., a correspondent who is herself a distinguished user of trowel and typewriter, sends this stanza from "A London Flower Show" by Evelyn Underhill:

"Here is a daffodil  
Six-winged as seraphs are;  
They found her on a Spanish hill  
Wild as a wind-blown star.  
Now she is tame  
She hath a Latin name."

## SEED LIST, 1937

Seeds are all 15c a packet, except as otherwise noted.

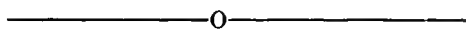
Annuals marked (A)

Aethionema, light pink	Iberis lavender and pink (A)
Aquilegia alpina	Iris douglasiana
Aquilegia chrysantha	Iris fulva
Aquilegia flabellata nana	Iris gormanii
Aquilegia formosa	Iris innominata, yellow, 25c
Aquilegia jonesii, 4c a seed	Iris innominata, blue, 25c
Aquilegia longissima	Iris missouriensis (1936 only)
Aquilegia garden mixture	Iris tenax
Alyssum minimum (A)	Iris tenuis, 25c
Alyssum saxatile compactum	Iris siberica, good blue
Brodiaea bicolor	Iris ruthenica
Brodiaea bridgesii	Jasione biennis
Brodiaea leachiae	Lutkea pectinata, 25c
Brodiaea pulchella	Mimulus fremontii (A)
Camassia leichtlinii	Mimulus lewisii
Camassia quamash	Nigella, Love-in-a-mist (A)
Camassia giant white	Penstemon cardwellii
Campanula alliariaefolia	Penstemon diffusus
Campanula rotundifolia	Penstemon menziesii davidsonii
Campanula peach bells, blue & white	Penstemon ochroleucus
Clematis douglasii	Penstemon ovatus
Delphinium grandiflorum nanum	Penstemon rupicola
Delphinium leucophaeum	Primula cowslips
Dicentra oregana, 25c	Primula primroses
Dryas octopetala, 25c	Scilla, white
Dianthus, mixed rock pinks	Silene hookeri
Dianthus, dwarf sweet william	Tellima grandiflora
Erythronium citrinum	Trillium ovatum
Erythronium johnsonii	Veratrum viride
Erythronium oregonum	Zigadenus venenosus
Erythronium sp. unknown, red anthers, 25c	For Herb Gardens
Eranthis hyemalis, 25c	Rosemary
Eschscholtzia californica, mixed	Lavender
Felicia bergeriana (A)	Dill
Fritillaria lanceolata	Monardella villosa
Iberis, rock candytuft	Sweetbriar rose
	Lilies, many kinds, all 25c

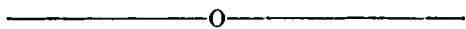


## A COINCIDENCE

Editors are not apt to accept fiction stories founded on a coincidence. But this is not fiction, and the Ed. of T. & T. rather likes a good coincidence. If it had not been an unusual season in 1933, there would have been snow on the ground that day, late in October, just below the glacier. It did snow right afterward, and if we had not gone just then we shouldn't have found the Sheffield trowel, covered with rust, all but buried in the gravel. And if just the right person had not happened to see the new trowels we sent to England for, exactly like that one, we should never have known that it had been dropped on Mt. Hood by such a distinguished English plant explorer. Finders keepers, Mr. Clarence Elliott!



If you bought Eleanor's Weihnachtskuchen last year, you must have noticed how plain the packages are. You see, all the expense goes into the ingredients of these genuine German cookies. Eleanor herself is 14 years old, and since she was five has helped her mother make these cookies every year. Her mother learned to make them from her mother in Germany and she in turn learned from her "Grossmutter." Now the cookies are helping with Eleanor's education.

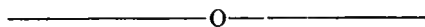


## FOR THE LARGER DOOR

The door on the cover of the holly list is 42 inches wide, the wreath 20 inches across. If you want wreaths of larger sizes than the 17-inch wreath at \$2.00 offered in the Holly List, to fit a particular space, write for prices. Special Holly arrangements made to order—but give us time.

If you want TROWEL & TYPEWRITER or the Christmas list sent to a friend, drop me a post card.

To all my Correspondents: Your handwriting is very stylish, but I just can't read it. PLEASE PRINT all names and addresses.



Finding wild berries in the mountains is as different from gathering fruit in your own garden as digging up buried treasure on a lonely island is different from opening your Saturday pay envelope. If I were making jam from wild berries, I should leave in some of the things that come down the mountain with them, such as hemlock needles, bits of fern, an occasional alpine flower. Not so Marion Hardy; she patiently picks them over and removes every bit of local color. But she does leave in all the tang and flavor that mountain air and sunshine put there. If you like the jam you try this winter, and want other Marion Hardy products, write me about quantity prices and advance orders next spring.



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